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SUBJECT: MTN: DEVELOPMENTS IN QR CONSULTATIONS

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1. AUSTRALIAN DEL INFORMED US TODAY THAT IT WILL
NOT ENGAGE IN QR CONSULTATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS
WITH THOSE COUNTRIES (EC AND APPARENTLY THE NORDICS)
THAT WILL NOT CONSULT ON AGRICULTURAL QR'S. THIS WILL
NOT AFFECT US-AUSTRALIAN CONSULTATION, BUT WILL
HIGHLIGHT DIFFERENCES ON TREATMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

2. FOLLOWING LETTER CONCERNING QR CONSULTATIONS RE-
CEIVED TODAY FROM SWEDISH DELEGATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT
IT CLOSELY FOLLOWS NORWEGIAN POSITION (REFTEL) OF
NOT INCLUDING AGRICULTURAL QR'S IN NTM CONSULTATION
PROCEDURES.

QUOTE I WISH TO REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF 24TH JUNE 1975 TRANS-
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MITTING A LTEER DATED 12TH JUNE 1975 FROM THE UNITED

STATES' DELEGATION CONCERNING MEASURES NOTIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES' DELEGATION UNDER THE PROCEDURE AGREED AT THE APRIL 1975 MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS."

THE SWEDISH DELEGATION NOTES THAT ALL THREE MEASURES NOTIFIED REFER TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WITHIN CHAPTER 1-24 OF THE BTN. IN THIS CONNECTION I WISH TO RECALL THE DISCUSSION IN THE SUB-GROUP WHEN SOME DELEGATIONS INDICATED THEIR INTENTION TO DISCUSS QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THE AGRICULTURE GROUP.

FURTHERMORE, THE GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" AT ITS JUNE 1975 MEETING AGREED TO BRING THE DISCUSSION IN THE SUB-GROUP ON THIS QUESTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GROUP "AGRICULTURE". IT MAY THEREFORE BE EXPECTED THAT THE GROUP AGRICULTURE WILL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MACHINERY TO CONSIDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE SWEDISH DELEGATION WISHES TO DEFER DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION ON THE NOTIFICATIONS MADE UNTIL AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED IN THE GROUP AGRICULTURE ON HOW TO CONSIDER QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

FINALLY, CONCERNING THE TYPE OF MEASURES NOTIFIED, THE SWEDISH DELEGATION HOLDS THE VIEW THAT PART 4 OF THE INVENTORY OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES SHOULD PROVIDE THE POINT OF REFERENCE.

ACCEPT SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE WALKER

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